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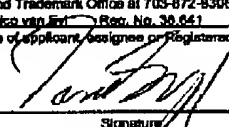
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(A)**

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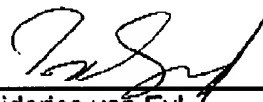
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